

of the retail district hundreds of merchants are tonight moving out of the path of the rising waters.

STORMY IN SAMOA.

Heaviest Rainfall in 1907 Since Island Was Annexed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., February 15.—Advices from Tutuila, Samoa, dated January 6 say:

Tempestuous weather has prevailed in Tutuila since December 29, with strong gales. Much damage has been done to the breadfruit crop, which was very heavy. Many native houses have suffered, but there have been no casualties. The rainfall in Tutuila for the year 1907 was 222 inches, the heaviest since the annexation of the islands to the United States.

FEARS FOR A RESERVOIR.

Dayton Is Threatened With a Serious Calamity.

DAYTON, Ohio, February 15.—Late news from the north is to the effect that the Lewistown reservoir has not broken, as was feared, although its banks are overflowing and there is danger of a collapse. In the event of a break occurring serious damage will occur. The great Miami river, which would have to carry the water, is running a few feet from the top of its banks and the levees in the different parts of the city are showing the strain. Wolf creek and Stillwater and Mad rivers are raging torrents, and a few inches rise will send the water over their banks.

Already many hundreds of dollars' worth of damage has been done in the city, several of the low-lying residence districts being under water. Rescue of a dozen families had to be made by boats today and a further rise will imperil scores more. White City, a pleasure resort, is entirely under water and its buildings may be carried down by the river.

UPPER POTOMAC RISING.

Ten Feet Above Normal at Williamsport—Much Ice Passing.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., February 15.—The Potomac river and its tributaries are rising rapidly as the result of the heavy rains last night and today and the melting of the snow in the mountains and breaking up of the ice. Tonight the Potomac at Williamsport was about ten feet above normal and is expected to be much higher by morning. Great quantities of ice are passing down the stream and there is danger of gorges forming at the bends in the stream and also at the Cumberland Valley railroad bridge below Williamsport. No serious damage has been reported.

FLOODING THE CANAL.

WILLIAMSPORT, Md., February 15.—Tonight the Potomac river is rising fifteen inches an hour, an unprecedented rise, with a rushing current going down.

People living along the banks of the stream are abandoning their homes and moving to higher ground. The river has risen above the Chesapeake and Ohio canal below here and is flooding the level.

Flood in the Schuylkill.

READING, Pa., February 15.—The flood in the Schuylkill river reached its height tonight, when it was nine feet above low-water mark. The ice broke up without causing any damage and passed down the river at this point, after which the waters began to recede.

No particular damage was sustained north of Reading, but the people were greatly alarmed all day. There is no further apprehension, but south of Reading the Schuylkill, reinforced by the waters of Perkiomen creek and other streams, is still doing much damage, and prevails among the people residing in the lowlands.

Lehigh River Rises.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., February 15.—The continuous rain and thaw with the accumulation of snow and ice have swelled the Lehigh river and its tributaries to the danger point. All low lying industries were shut down. The rising waters have broken up the ice, which is moving so far without obstruction. Trains and trolley cars are delayed by flooded tracks.

Bad at Port Deposit.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., February 15.—The Susquehanna river is rising and there are fears of an ice gorge here. A heavy rainfall was reported from points along the river today.

High Water at Cumberland.

CUMBERLAND, Md., February 15.—The Potomac is far above flood mark, water is entering buildings on North Mechanic street and the rise continues. The city is in darkness as a result of the natural gas mains breaking near the Run, West Virginia, one hundred miles south of here. Natural gas is the fuel used in the city lighting plant.

NEW ENGLAND GETS HEED.

Record Rise in the Housatonic at New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., February 15.—The most extensive freshet in ten years raised the water in the Housatonic and Naugatuck rivers today so that it flooded parts of several towns. In Derby, Abington, Shelton and towns above the banks of the Naugatuck, the cellars of hundreds of houses were flooded. Several bridges were washed away or wrecked by ice jams, the biggest damage being done to the railroad trestle between Derby Junction and Shelton. The wreck tied up traffic on the Berkshire division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

The Naugatuck river overflowed and flooded the greater part of the lower end of the city of Waterbury and many families were forced to flee their homes. From all parts of the state come reports of swollen rivers, with much damage to property as a result.

TELEGRAPH TERSELY TOLD.

RICHMOND, Va., February 15.—S. W. Huff, general manager of the Virginia Passenger and Power company, has been elected president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone and Telegraph company.

PITTSBURGH, February 15.—A woman arrested at Homestead, charged with drunkenness, alleged she was the Countess Della S. Germania of Bulgaria, when called for a hearing today. She was given a lecture and discharged.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, February 15.—The republicans of the twelfth congressional district renominated Edward L. Taylor for representative in Congress and instructed delegates to the national republican convention for Taft.

NEW YORK, February 15.—The Count and Countess Leszko Szeczenyi sailed for Europe today on the steamer Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. They plan to stop in London en route to Hungary.

PHILADELPHIA, February 15.—William Brown, aged 70 years, was strangled here today by swallowing a dollar button while sleeping.

CHICAGO, February 15.—Courses of study in psychology and mental healing were urged for all schools and colleges by Dr. James R. Angell, professor of psychology in the University of Chicago, before the members of the Physicians' Club of Chicago at the Great Northern Hotel last night. The Rev. Samuel Fallows urged the teaching of these subjects by the clergy.

CHICAGO, February 15.—Michael Dewala, forty-one years of age, is under arrest, charged with having caused the death of Joseph Devenick, the three-year-old son of John Devenick, who has been dead nearly a year at the South Chicago Hospital from the effects of scalds received last night. Dewala poured boiling water from a tea kettle over the boy's head and down his back.

TRANSPORTATION

Serious Accident to a Toledo Street Car Last Night.

HIT BY BIG FOUR ENGINE

Seven People Killed and a Dozen Injured.

SIGNAL WAS MISUNDERSTOOD

Motorman Tried to Cross the Track in the Face of His Conductor's Warning.

TOLEDO, Ohio, February 15.—Seven people were killed and a dozen injured when a Big Four passenger train struck a Toledo and Western electric car at the Michigan Central crossing in West Toledo at 8 o'clock tonight.

Dead and Injured.

The dead: James Myers, motorman, Toledo; Mrs. William Fisher, West Toledo; Roy Fisher, West Toledo; Clarence Beech, Sylvania; unknown woman and two children.

The injured: Mayor Jones and wife of Sylvania; Clara Saxton, Trilby, seriously; Joe Boehmyer, Trilby, fatally; Charles Dolph, Sylvania, slightly; George Bragdon, Toledo, fatally; Burt Blankley, Sylvania, badly hurt; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Parker, Sylvania; John Conroy, Sylvania, slightly injured; James Young, Sylvania.

How the Accident Happened.

According to an eyewitness of the wreck, which occurred shortly after 8 o'clock, the conductor stopped at the crossing to flag the car across. Seeing the train coming, he motioned to the motorman to stop, but this signal was either misunderstood, not seen or disregarded, for the car came ahead with sickening results.

All the ambulances in the city were hastily summoned, and the scene of the wreck was soon thronged with excited people, impeding rather than aiding in the work of rescue.

Mrs. Fisher was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she died. Eight of the injured were also received there.

WREATHS FROM WHITE HOUSE

Floral Offerings Placed in Arlington Cemetery Yesterday.

Just before noon yesterday President Roosevelt sent to the committee of patriotic women who are assisting in the battle-ships Maine memorial ceremonies under the auspices of the Army and Navy Union two large and beautiful wreaths from the White House conservatory. There were placed on the big anchors of the Maine at Arlington at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The wreaths were received on behalf of the committee by Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, District president of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Christine Walton Dunlap, who is largely engaged in patriotic work.

The wreaths are of green ivy leaves on a mat of palms, white carnations and fine laurel. They are more than three feet in diameter, and bear an engraved card, inscribed simply: "The President."

Col. Henry P. McCain, U. S. A., of the military secretary's office, War Department, arranged with the commanding officer at Fort Myer to have a firing party of United States cavalrymen to volley over the graves of the men of the Maine at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as a salute to the wreaths.

Mrs. Lizette W. Calver, department president of the United Spanish War Veterans of the District of Columbia, arranged to have her son, Mr. George W. Calver, place on the anchor of the Maine a large floral wreath of the local auxiliaries. It was composed of red and yellow flowers—the colors of the Spanish War Veterans—and bore the legend, "Our Heroes."

Rev. Eugene A. Hannan of St. Martin's Church delivered a prayer over the graves, taking the place of Rev. Father Chidwick, chaplain of the Maine, who was unable to be present. Addresses were made by Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, Father Hannan, Mrs. Ball and Capt. Thomas A. Green.

National Union Meetings.

Census Council, No. 1024, held its regular meeting Thursday evening last at 516 9th street northwest. The degree team of the National Union Club performed the ritual of the order at the initiation of two candidates. A speech of welcome was made by Horace Ward to P. E. Ferguson, president of the degree team. Speeches on the National Union Club and the good of the order were made by Frank E. Ferguson, Elmer Johnson, president of the National Union Club; C. F. Matard, J. M. Kemper, A. T. Hirsch and J. G. Casey. One of the features of the evening was the singing of the Glee Club in the music incidental to the ritual. The National Capital Council, No. 447, met at its hall, 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, last evening. After the routine business had been transacted the members played euchre.

Real Estate Sale on New York Ave.

Chester & Chesley, real estate and insurance brokers, have purchased the two buildings at 137 and 139 New York avenue, in the triangle which includes the Presbyterian Church. The property has a frontage of fifty feet on New York avenue and extends through to H street. A few years ago overtures were made for the entire block where this property is located. Mrs. F. W. McKnight, who is the owner, has been negotiating with the New York merchants. The negotiations for this property have been going on for almost a year, through Leigh Robinson, the attorney for the estate that originally owned the building.

Alleges False Arrest.

A suit to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged false arrest has been filed in the District Supreme Court by James O. Gorell against Lydia M. Connelly. By attorney, Mr. F. W. McKnight, she says the defendant, without probable cause, had him arrested on a charge of assault, of which he was acquitted in the Police Court.

Ladies to Entertain.

The Ladies' Aid Society, composed of the relatives of members of Stansbury Lodge, No. 24, F. A. A. M., have arranged to give a leap year entertainment and dance at Pythian Temple, 1012 9th street northwest, Thursday evening, February 20. The following program has been prepared for the occasion:

Address, Mr. McKnight; reading, "Everywhere," Denza, (Ben Bolt); Miss Flora Bernheimer, dialogue, "The Carlyle"; song, "Goodbye," Miss Flora Bernheimer; Miss Amelia and Louise Gode; reading, "The Tiger Lily Race," Mary E. Fluke, Mrs. Theodore E. Jarrell; "Mary, Mary, and the Little Boy," Mrs. Bernheimer; reading, "Scorching Verses," Pauline Phelps, Miss Anna Butler; accompanist, Mrs. Henry Hunt-McCoy.

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, February 15.—The Salvadoran congress has been convened and a preliminary session was held yesterday.

AWAITING MR. MORSE

Detectives Eager to Welcome His Arrival Tomorrow.

IS ON BOARD THE ETRURIA

Will Be Met by Officers With Warrants at Quarantine.

RAIL PROBABLY WILL BE \$10,000

Little Prospect Now That the Banker Has Any Equity Over the Many Claims Against Him.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, February 15.—Charles W. Morse, the deposed banker, is due to arrive tomorrow on the Etruria. A warrant for his arrest on the grand larceny indictment found by the county grand jury was issued today and handed to Lieut. Peter Berry, who is detailed to the criminal courts building, to be served.

Lieut. Berry and another detective from the criminal courts building will go down the bay in the morning on a revenue cutter. Assistant District Attorney Kresel, who has had charge of the case against Mr. Morse, may accompany them.

The detectives will board the liner at quarantine and serve the warrant. Morse will be taken up the bay at once and arraigned before Justice Dowling at the latter's home in West 58th street. Morse will probably be represented in the court proceedings by William Rand, former assistant district attorney, and one of his counsel will also go down the bay to meet him.

Amount of His Bail.

The district attorney will probably ask that bail be fixed at \$10,000 and it is understood that Morse's lawyers have made all the arrangements for that.

The federal authorities will not make any move against Morse tomorrow. The county detectives, however, were ordered by General Bingham, commissioner of police to defer to the federal agents of the latter attempting to make any arrest.

The United States grand jury will probably hand down its bills against Morse Monday or Tuesday. It is understood that two others, men who were merely Morse's agents, will be named at the same time.

The returns from the attachments served under the National Bank of North America's claim for \$243,000 are all in at the sheriff's office. They show outstanding loans to Morse by New York and outside banks and trust companies aggregating \$2,322,000. This amount is considerably less than the general estimate that had been made.

Stocks Are Tied Up.

Against these loans are many securities of uncertain values, such, for instance, as the stocks of banks that have gone into the hands of receivers. Men who have been connected with the receiver of the Bank of North America have given it as their opinion however, that under present conditions there is hardly any equity belonging to Morse in the lot.

The returns include not only all the banks and trust companies in Manhattan, but most of those in Brooklyn. Morse's loans from out-of-town banks were obtained either from his note brokers or from institutions in this city which are acting as correspondents. On the showing made from the bank returns Morse's affairs are apparently fully as bad as they were represented to be by some of his friends soon after he fled for Europe.

The returns from the 150-odd banks and brokerage firms show only \$105 in cash belonging to Morse.

Holds No Ice Stock.

There isn't a single share of American Ice Securities in the list of collateral returned by the banks and trust companies. It has frequently been said that Mr. Morse got rid of his ice stock while his friends still had confidence in it. Some of these friends are still holding the bag.

DESTROYERS AT TALCAHUANO

LITTLE FLOTILLA MAKES THE LONG RUN IN SAFETY.

Parted With the Battleships at the Entrance to Smyth Channel—Followed the Inside Route.

TALCAHUANO, Chile, February 15.—The American torpedo boat flotilla arrived here today from Puerto Montt, taking in all about six days and a half for the passage from Punta Arenas through the Magellan strait, Smyth channel and the inner channel to this port.

The battleship fleet passed out from Cape Pillar about 7:30 the evening of February 8, making the voyage from Punta Arenas in twenty and a half hours. The flotilla was composed of the destroyer Whipple, the flagships of the flotilla, and the little vessels kept along with the battleships, which steamed at ten knots an hour. Not once did the vessels slow down, and the navigation of the English and Crooked reaches was completed without difficulty.

One Slight Accident.

Strong west winds were experienced to the English reach and light winds and rain to the Smyth channel. In the entrance of which the destroyer parted company with their big brothers. A slight accident to the destroyer, Lawrence, happened off Cape Holland, but this soon was remedied and the Lawrence pursued Cape Tumar into Smyth channel in company with the flotilla. In the voyage through the inner passage an engine was found in Mayne channel, Moynaux sound, Port Quillon and Laguna bay.

Funeral of Theron W. Taylor.

Funeral services were held yesterday over the remains of Theron W. Taylor at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. S. R. Wyne, at 914 Virginia avenue southeast, where he died Thursday. Last night the body was shipped to his birthplace in Stafford county, Va., for interment.

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OPBUILDING OF RACE

Negro Bishops Speak of Opportunities Presented.

RELIGION AND EDUCATION

Withdrawal of Elective Franchise Subject of Strong Comment.

GRATITUDE TO MR. FORAKER

Members on Different Denominational Lines, But United in Belief of Their People.

"There are fifty or more white men in Congress on our account, and yet we are disfranchised," declared Bishop H. M. Turner, in address to the convention of bishops yesterday. "and it is time for us to protest against it."

Continuing his remarks, Bishop Turner said: "We have been mistreated for years and it is time for us to protest. When it comes to counting men for representation in Congress we are in it; but when it comes to voting, white men in open violation of the federal constitution disfranchise us. The cry is negro domination, and that is not true, but it will take God to tell the real cause. I have some respect for the devil, because he does not draw the color line."

"Let us take advantage of the opportunities opened before us. Every negro must turn his attention to three things—religion, education and character—and hold them up with industry, honesty and reliability. With these he cannot fail." Bishop Levi J. Coplin said: "We must no longer be led around like little children. If we are ever going to be men it is time for us to show it to the world. Color is not manhood. From this day we must discourage cheap Sunday excursions to take away from our people their little earnings."

Preachers in Part to Blame.

Bishop B. T. Tanner said he was glad to hear the remarks of Bishop Coplin and he was sorry to inform the audience that ministers are often agents for such excursions. "We must not encourage preachers who do this kind of thing. I am opposed to them," he said. Bishop C. H. Phillips said: "I am not discouraged, yet I feel a little shaky at times. I think it will work out all right for us. We are true to our country and will ever be loyal to it, and it strikes me that it is time we were being protected."

Mrs. S. W. Layton, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Negro Baptist convention, and an official in the rescue work, was introduced to the convention by Bishop Derrick. "You may talk as you please," said Bishop Derrick, "but unless we rise up and protect our own people, we are no good to us as a race. It has truly been said that 'The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.' I believe in this doctrine. I am glad that there is in this country an organization for the purpose of protecting the procurers of our girls from the south who go north in search of work. After coming to this meeting and hearing their money, how to live on earth, the preacher is often the physician, the lawyer, the spiritual advisor. He must teach the people how to live, how to be good, how to be honest, how to be true, how to be loyal, how to be patriotic, but he is the political adviser of the negro people, and he must inform the people what to do. He does his work for love for his people and no other motive in view. Just now all eyes are turned to the south, and the people of the country are anxious to see if we will speak out against the wrongs heaped upon us or if we will keep our mouths closed and say nothing. We will tell the world at least that we are thankful to Senator Foraker for his stand, and if opportunity ever presents itself, we will show our gratitude at the ballot box."

"We are glad you are coming here. It means something when the leaders of several of our races are gathered together. Here we are today, the African Methodist, the colored Methodist, all one in purpose of action; all one against sin; all one against the evils heaped upon us; all one for race elevation, and while we may be in separate organizations, when you touch one from now on you will touch all, and we will all be heard from."

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